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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS TRA TO DETERMINE WHETHER ATMOS ENERGY  
CHARGING CUSTOMERS TOO MUCH FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

Tennessee Attorney General Paul G. Summers has filed a petition with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority asking it to determine whether Atmos Energy Corporation is overcharging its customers more than \$10 million annually for natural gas service.

While gas companies such as Atmos pass on to customers the cost of natural gas it purchases from suppliers, Attorney General Summers said a reduction in rates is necessary because Atmos is charging too much for delivery of gas. The Attorney General contends Atmos' delivery costs have declined significantly over recent years due to lower interest rates and corporate down-sizing in Tennessee, but these savings have not been passed on to consumers. The reasonableness of the rates for delivery of Atmos' gas has not been examined in nearly 10 years.

"This petition comes at a crucial time for Tennesseans as the coming winter's heating bills are expected to be at record highs," Attorney General Summers said today. "While there is little we can do to control the high cost of natural gas, we plan to do everything in our power to assure that energy providers such as Atmos do not add excessive delivery charges to consumers' bills."

Atmos provides natural gas to customers in Bedford, Blount, Carter, Greene, Hamblin, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Maury, Moore, Obion, Rutherford, Sullivan, Washington, and Williamson counties.

Similarly, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office has sought a hearing on similar concerns about Atmos before its Public Service Commission, asking the company to lower its rates by as much as \$7.4 million.